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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Steven F. Bolling et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/729,026
Filed	:	December 5, 2003
For	:	IMPLANTABLE HEART ASSIST SYSTEM AND METHOD OF APPLYING SAME
Examiner	:	Carl H. Layno
Group Art Unit	:	3766

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 8, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.